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January 21st, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes of The Norfolk County
Mosquito Control District Commission
Held by Zoom Conference

Commissioners present: Robin Chapell, Linda Shea, Norman Jacques, Maureen MacEachern, Richard Pollack (left meeting at 2:00pm)

Commissioners absent:

Quorum: A quorum was established.

Others in attendance: David Lawson, Director Caroline Haviland, Field Operations Manager
Jane W. – Westwood resident.

Note taker: David Lawson

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

1) Agenda Item: Approval of the minutes of the December 17th, 2020 Commission Meeting

Action: The minutes of the December 17th, 2020 Commission meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jacques, with a roll call vote of all 5 Commissioners.

2) Agenda Item: Budget Overview

a. Overview of FY 2021

The Director, previous to the meeting, sent a budget overview document to the Commissioners. This sheet showed an overview of the FY 2021 appropriation of \$2,001,629, plus the FY 2020 rollover of \$102,194, for a total available funds for FY 2021 of \$2,103,823. Since it is only half way through the year, it is difficult to make accurate projections, but the Director noted a very rough estimate of year end expenditures of about \$2,049,306. The Director is preparing the Budget Notification that will be sent to the towns soon. In addition, the SRMCB Annual Operations Report is being prepared. Municipal annual reports have been completed and sent to the towns. The Director also updated the Commission on new developments in the PFAS investigation and brief discussion ensued. There are more questions than answers at this point.

- b. The Field Operations Manager informed the Commission of the planned date of Jan 22nd for installation of the vehicle Telematics.

Action: The Budget Overview report was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Chapell, with a roll call vote of all 5 Commissioners.

3) Agenda Item: Fieldwork Overview

- a. **Year to date review:** The Director, previous to the meeting, sent a spreadsheet to Commissioners highlighting field work accomplished for the entire calendar year 2020. Brief discussion noted the high numbers of water management work for the year in comparison to recent years, as well as high ULV acreage work compared to recent norms, excepting the 2019 season.
- b. **Follow-up on larvicide trial meeting** – The Director informed the Commission of the virtual meeting that took place on December 22nd, 2020 regarding a review of the larvicide trials performed by multiple Districts in the spring of 2020. Members of MDAR, MAG (Mosquito Advisory Group) and the Districts were present and a handful of presentations were made. The general consensus after the meeting was that the work was encouraging, but research needs to continue to replicate work already completed, and to consider new ways to prevent EEE through methods of larval control of Cs. melanura and Cq. perturbans.

Action: The Fieldwork Overview report was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Pollack with a roll call vote of all 5 Commissioners.

4) Agenda Item: Mosquito Control for the 21st Century Task Force

Mr. Pollack shared that no vendors had bid on the RFR that has been put out to hire an outside consultant to conduct an overview of Massachusetts mosquito control. Apparently the RFR will be put out to a wider audience in the near future.

Action: No action taken.

- 5) **NMCA virtual meeting** - The Director updated the Commission on the NMCA Annual meeting – 2 sessions have been held virtually with 2 more to take place.

Action: No action taken.

Other Notes or Information

1. New/Old Business or items to be put on next meeting's agenda.

There was a brief discussion about the timing of Covid-19 vaccinations for employees. The Director noted that he has not heard about anything regarding this.

The Commission set the next Commission meeting for Thursday, February 25th, at 1:30 pm.

At 2:08 p.m. the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Jacques.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shea, Chairman